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Our File No. 1322/8

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1. An Amendment A (13 pages);
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4. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) in duplicate;
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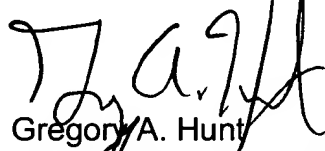
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8. Copies of previously filed, unacknowledged Information Disclosure Statements;
9. Copies of an Affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, a Curriculum Vitae of the Affiant, and email dated July 26, 2000, evidencing of commercial success of the claimed invention;
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In re application of: Sprague et al.

Application No.: 09/443,712

Group No.: 2697

Filed: 11/19/1999

Examiner: Lee, T. L.

For: METHOD AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING SYSTEM 7 (SS7) USER PART MESSAGES AMONG SS7 SIGNALING POINTS (SPs) AND INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP) NODES USING SIGNAL TRANSFER POINTS (STPs)

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

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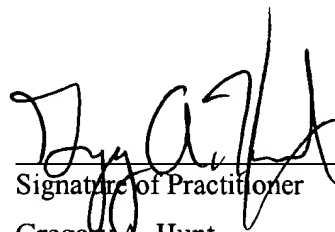
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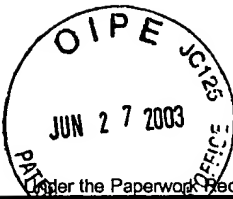


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